

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the
Kaneohe Bay Regional Council
October 4, 2006

KBRC Representatives present:

John Morgan, Kelvin Ching (holdover member), David Krupp, Robin Makapagal, John Myrdal (holdover member), William Sager, Koa Kaulukukui (OHA, not confirmed)

KBRC Representatives absent:

None

Public Present:

Joshu deMello, Andie Cooper, Representative Colleen Meyer, Don Brown, Eric D. Bjorken, Willi Moelzer, Brad McGuire, Allen Shiroma, Wesley C. Mundy (DOCARE), Katherine Folas, Rocky Kaluhiwa, Rusty Lillico, Lee Williams, Marvin Ching, Clayton Hee, Hi'ilei Kawelo, Bonnie Kahapea-Tanner, DLNR Representatives: Peter Young, Roy Yanagihara, Michael Jones

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Agenda Item 1: Election of New Kaneohe Bay Regional Council Chairperson

John Myrdal nominates Dave Krupp. Robin Makapagal seconds. No other nominations. Nominations closed. Krupp elected by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item 2 Review and approve Minutes from the April 5, 2006 Meeting

April 2006 meeting minutes approved by unanimous vote without changes or corrections.

Agenda Item 3 Review and approve Minutes from the July 5, 2006 Meeting

July 2006 meeting minutes approved by unanimous vote without changes or corrections.

Agenda Item 4 Ahu o Laka

BLNR Chair Peter Young requested input on rules for Ahu o Laka, and asked whether new rules were needed. A discussion ensued. Young stated some rules that could have been used to prevent or regulate a large concert like the ones that were held last year already exist and will be enforced in the future. A member in the audience asked if there were plans to regulate the number of people who could go to Ahu o Laka and Young responded "no". Another audience member stated that no additional rules were needed. Another audience member asked what the relationship is between the Coast Guard and DLNR (DOCARE) as far as law enforcement responsibilities. Young replied that a court case that DLNR was involved in ruled that the state has some limited ability to enforce rules as to federally documented vessels. Another audience member asked who they should call in the event of an emergency. Young replied that they should call 911 for faster response in cases of emergencies. They also have the ability to contact DOCARE. A member of the audience requested that the Kaneohe Master Plan be put on-line. Young asked the DOBOR representative to put the Master Plan on the DOBOR website and the representative indicated that this would be done. Representative Colleen Meyer asked Young why the matter of Ahu o Laka was put on this month's agenda when the council had previously indicated that no new rules were required. Young responded that he wanted to reaffirm the

council's desires and get more public input as he was in the process of preparing legislation for the 2007 session. Member Makapagal indicated that more public education was needed instead of more rules. Concerns were voiced with human waste in the waters. Boats with marine heads were discussed. It was pointed out that dumping or pumping of a marine holding tank at the sand bar, or anywhere in state waters is a violation of USCG regulations. A member of the audience stated that each boat harbor has a public pump out facility for boat holding tanks. Another audience member pointed out that there are more beachgoers at Waikiki on any given day and that those waters are probably more polluted by human waste but not significantly so. Another person asked if there was an upper limit to the number of people visiting the area. Young stated there was none. Young also said that a permit is required if an organized group of over 25 plans to use the area. For large events, there is no upper limit as to the number of attendees.

Concerns were voiced about high powered speed boats running through the area at high rates of speed. He acknowledged that there may be a problem. The discussion ended.

Agenda Item 5 Reports from Council members

- **Recreational Fishing Representative.** Member Ching commented that he was disappointed that Young had already left the meeting and wanted to express to him that the recreational fishermen have developed a distrust of government because of its attempt to close off fishing areas to the public. He further stated that no new rules were needed rather the DLNR should focus its efforts on enforcing existing ones. A member of the audience agreed and stated that more must be done to control the introduction of alien species to include the release of fish by the Division of Aquatics. He stated that the fish released by DAR appear to be a different species, perhaps a hybrid, that behaved differently from native fish. Another audience member stated that hybrids may be affecting the availability of bait fish in shallow waters. He stated that the release of fish such as taape, roi, and others had affected the bait fishery in unexpected ways causing the native fish to behave differently. Another member of the audience suggested that the recreational fishing group have a separate meeting prior to the regular meeting as was done in the past.
- **Commercial Boating Representative.** Member Morgan had nothing to report.
- **Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board Representative.** Member noted that her term had expired and was awaiting board action to nominate a replacement.
- **Kaneohe Neighborhood Board Representative.** Member Sager had nothing to report.
- **HIMB Representative.** Member Krupp stated that he had requested to be reappointed and they have indicated that he would be. He stated that they were planning to conduct a study and make a presentation on coral bleaching phenomena. He was questioned by the DOBOR representative whether he was aware that HIMB was responsible for maintaining fish aggregation buoys and that several had washed on shore recently. Krupp stated that he was not aware of this and would look into the matter.
- **Recreational Boating Representative.** Position vacant.

- **Office of Hawaiian Affairs Representative.** Position vacant.

Agenda Item 6 Report from DLNR/DBOR

- The DOBOR representative stated that the new loading dock had been installed at Heeia Kea and that additional work was planned. He also stated that new employees had been hired who work only on repairing docks and pier. A member of the audience rose to thank DOBOR and DOCARE for removing a barge that had caused many problems for the community.
- Member Ching asked for reasons why the Kokokahi pier had not been rebuilt. The DOBOR representative stated that it was probably because the law that allows for the construction of private piers did not include piers built by non profits and that an amendment had been sought for the past 2 years that would allow this but without success.
- DOCARE Officer Mundy stated that they were interested in establishing a substation at Heeia State Park. A discussion ensued. Members of the council and in the audience made statements of support. Krupp indicated that the council would take an official position at its next meeting.
- DOBOR representative suggested that a draft resolution be prepared and circulated before the next meeting in order to enable the adoption of the resolution at the next quarterly meeting.
- Officer Mundy gave a report on status of proposed DOCARE field office on the North Shore to decrease response time and provide a place for his staff to conduct business without the need to return to Honolulu.
- Audience member gave kudos to Yanagihara and DOBOR for the speedy removal of an abandoned barge.

Agenda Item 7 Old Business

Discussed above; see Agenda Item 5

Agenda Item 8 New Business

None

Chairperson Krupp adjourned the meeting at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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